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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Barton and Junicke Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 10/015,997 Examiner: Whisenant, E.
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Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DETECTING
POLYNUCLEOTIDE DUPLEX DAMAGE AND ERRORS

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RESPONSE

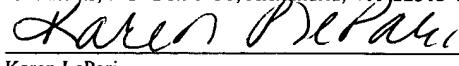
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2003 (no listed Paper No.), entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on July 28, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450.


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